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SUBJECT: NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING: STATUS REPORT

REF: STATE 255018

1. EMBASSY HAS REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT EVERYTHING IT KNOWS ABOUT NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING. CARACAS A-139 OF OCTOBER 18 SUMMARIZES WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE CASE AND OFFERS SOME CONCLUSIONS.

2. AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR LEPAGE ON OCTOBER 6 WAS AT THE AMBASSADOR'S INITIATIVE PRECISELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING OUR CONTINUING CONCERN IN THE CASE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPRESS THAT CONCERN AND INTEREST AT HIGH LEVELS AS OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF; THE AMBASSADOR WILL SEEK SPECIAL OCCASION TO DO SO OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.

3. IN A BRIEF CONVERSATION OCTOBER 20 WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (AND NOW ACTING MINISTER), MARCO TULIO BRUNI CELLI, THE AMBASSADOR ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING THAT WE COULD DO TO ASSIST IN THE INVESTIGATION (PER PARA 2 REFTTEL), AND BRUNI CELLI SAID NOT AT THE MOMENT. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THERE ARE NO LEADS AND THERE HAS BEEN NO
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FURTHER CONTACT OR WORD WITH THE KIDNAPPERS IN

OVER TWO MONTHS. AT THE MOMENT, THEREFORE,
THERE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE ANYTHING TO ANALYZE OR HELP
WITH. THE AMBASSADOR HAS AUTHORIZED SIMILAR
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND OFFER OF ASSISTANCE TO
BE PASSED THROUGH LIAISON TO OFFICERS SPECIFICALLY
ENGAGED IN THE INVESTIGATION.
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